

NATIONAL SERVICES OF ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH, QUALITY AND FOOD SAFETY
(SENASICA)
GENERAL DIRECTION OF ANIMAL HEALTH
(VS clarifications provided in italics)

DATA OF THE COMBINATION TO BE IMPORTED

Species: Any
Function / Product: Balanced Food
Country of Origin: United States of America
Country of Provenance: United States of America
Combination: 1-1-196-USA-USA
Legend Key: 006-27

REQUIREMENTS

File an original official health certificate issued by the competent authority in the country of origin that provides the following:

1. That the animal raw material used in the elaboration of the product has its origin in the country set forth in this document as country of origin or was legally imported from countries free of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). Countries considered free of BSE (Argentina, Australia Chile, New Zealand and Uruguay).
2. That the product DOES NOT CONTAIN RUMINANT PROTEINS OR ANY OTHER INGREDIENT OF RUMINANT ORIGIN, except milk and milk proteins, gelatin and collagen (exclusively prepared from skin and hide), de-proteinized tallow (with up to 0.15% of insoluble impurities) or with ruminant proteins from countries free of BSE.
3. That the meals used in the elaboration of balanced foods was obtained from a plant authorized by SAGARPA (NOM-060-ZOO-1999). When using poultry or pork in its elaboration, they don't need plants approved by SAGARPA. *[This means if any rendered meals, regardless of species of origin (except fish), is used, these meals must come from SAGARPA approved renderers. Non-rendered pork and poultry materials do not need to come from SAGARPA approved facilities.]* In the event of using meat of **ruminant origin** from the United States and/or Canada for the preparation of balanced food, it is only permitted if it complies with the following requirements *[This means if ruminant origin materials are used, the following certification statements must be on the certificate. Rendered ruminant origin materials may not be used, regardless, until SAGARPA has approved renderers in BSE free countries.]:*
 - a. That the animals from which the product was obtained were sacrificed in facilities duly authorized by the competent authority, in which only animals with less than 30 months of age are sacrificed or that the plant has acceptable proceeding for total segregation, which allow the official employees of the sacrificing plant to identify and select the products to be exported.
 - b. That the product was obtained from animals with less than 30 months of age, determined through records evidencing their age or through *post mortem* inspection, in which it shall be verified that the animals from which the product was obtained, have two or less permanent incisive teeth.
 - c. That the animals from which the product was obtained, were not stunned, using a gas injection in the cranium cavity or through a cut of the spinal cord (through laceration of the central nervous tissue by the introduction in the cranium cavity of a sharp edge instrument)
 - d. That the product to be exported does not include meat trimmings advanced meat recovery, mechanical de-boned meat and ground meat.
4. That the plant where the balanced foods were elaborated keeps: records of each acquired raw material lot and sale records of the balanced foods (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO FULFILL:

3. File original and simple copy of the quality control certificate issued by the manufacturing plant. The personal of the Agricultural Health Inspection Office shall only withhold the simple copy after comparison.
4. In the event de-proteinized tallow of ruminant origin is included in the formulation of the product, the importer shall file for each lot, a quality control certificate issued by an independent laboratory, evidencing that the tallow included in the product contains up to 0.15% of insoluble impurities.
5. Show copy of the document containing the record of the product (card) issued by the Animal Health Bureau, and in the event it was issued more than one year ago, also file the quality report of the product issued by a Veterinary duly approved as a verification unit or by a verification Veterinary approved for industrial establishments (area 08), mercantile or commercial establishments (area 09), effective for 12 month after the expedition date. (Rule Improvement Agreement, published in the Federal Official Gazette on July 23, 1999, Federal Animal Health Law published on June 12, 2000). Balanced food imported for self consumption are exempted of the fulfillment of this requirement and shall be subject to the fulfillment of the other requirements provided herein and to the filing before the agro-alimentary health inspection officer of an official communication issued by the Importation, Exportation, Services and Livestock Bureau of the Animal Health General Direction, SAGARPA, evidencing the maximum amounts and the authorized products. Such document shall be canceled and retained in the Agricultural Health Inspection Office in which the product is entered.
6. The concentrated and balanced food products prepared with ingredients of vegetable origin, fish meals, either added or not with vitamins or minerals are exempted from the requirements regarding the record and quality report issued by a Veterinary duly approved as a verification unit or by a verification Veterinary approved for industrial establishments, likewise they are exempted from the requirements provided from point 1 to 4 hereof.
7. The officers of the Agricultural Health Inspection Office shall verify the card and/or label of the manufacturer of the product sets forth the composition thereof. If the product is labeled and contains ruminant protein, it shall have a legend indicating that its use in ruminant feed is forbidden. If the product for ruminants is labeled, it shall include the animal species from which the product was elaborated.
8. The shipment and documentation shall fulfill the provisions set forth in article 24 of the Federal Animal Health Law.
9. In the event of balanced food for ruminants, ITS IMPORTATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED if the physical or documental inspection evidences that the product to be exported contains ruminant protein or any other ingredient of ruminant origin, except milk and milk proteins, gelatin and collagen (exclusively prepared from skin and hide), de-proteinized tallow (with up to 0.15% of insoluble impurities).

AUTHORIZED CUSTOMS

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